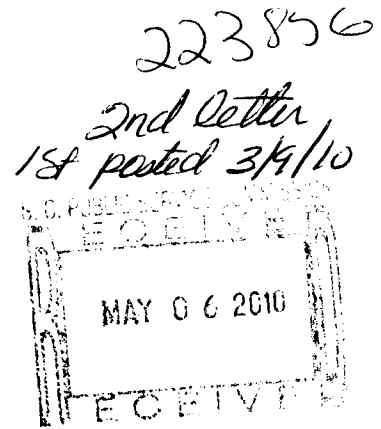


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Public Service Commission
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Gentlemen:

I am writing to protest the "compromise" of SCE&G's rate increase from 9.52% to 6.55%. I understand SCE&G's rationale for requesting this hefty rate increase. I also understand that SCE&G habitually requests a false and inflated rate increase, with the intent of eventually settling for the "real" increase they wanted from the beginning. I am also aware of the three recent rate increases that SCE&G was granted and is collecting. Enough is enough! This is not the time for ANY energy rate increase, including the 6.55% increase currently under consideration.

SCE&G obviously feels entitled to hefty profits, as evidenced by the projected 10.7% profit rate that the proposed rate increase would generate. Like so many large firms on Wall Street and across America, SCE&G is proving to be tone deaf to the realities of this deep and long term recession. **SCE&G's unrelenting presumption of corporate entitlement is not only disgusting, it is counterproductive to the needs of this state.**

I urge the Public Service commission to resist SCE&G's bait and switch tactic. Energy is the common ingredient for all economic enterprises. It is also one of the constants determining whether people will have jobs, pay taxes, and educate their children. The fragile economic "recovery" in South Carolina would be unnecessarily burdened and slowed by yet another energy rate increase at this critical time. As a public utility, SCE&G should place a higher value on the public good they provide. This would include rethinking the unseemly profits to which they obviously now feel entitled. **If SCE&G is incapable of adjusting its corporate mindset, the citizens and businesses of South Carolina depend on the Public Services Commission to speak common sense to an unwilling partner.**

Very truly yours,

Carol M. Hallman

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